UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Case Nos.
VS.)	10-03029-01-CR-S-GAE
)	10-03029-02-CR-S-GAF
WESLEY PAUL COONCE, JR. and)	
CHARLES MICHAEL HALL,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

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or interview of the individuals that are involved?

A Correct.

- Q And so how does that take place?
- A So first there's a lot of scheduling that goes on and the schedules often change, then there's negotiation for whether a quiet enough room will be made available by the institution, and arrangements have to be made to gain entry into the institution.

And when I'm doing interviews of a defendant, I always try to both video record the evaluation and also audio record it, and I've done that since 1982 for the sake of transparency so that everyone can see the nature of my questions and the answers and what the interaction was like, and also because every interview changes the person who's being interviewed by giving them information or by influencing them in some way; and if I didn't videotape it, then those changes would be secret. They'd be hidden. No one would be able to evaluate how the person changed or why.

So I've been an advocate since 1982 of all mental health professionals videotaping the interview portions of their evaluations. This does not apply to psychological testing, which has other considerations, but for the interview portion I think we should all be videotaping it for the sake of transparency and to preserve the integrity of the behavioral evidence because, otherwise, it would be like letting one side

- 1 fool with the crime scene evidence before the other side could
- 2 look at it. It would tamper with the evidence and I don't
- 3 believe in that.
- 4 Q So you make a practice of videotaping every interview
- 5 | that you conduct in a forensic setting?
- 6 A Every interview of a defendant or of a claimant, yes.
- 7 Q Yes. And did that happen in this case?
- 8 A It did.
- 9 Q You had an opportunity to interview both defendants,
- 10 | Wesley Coonce and Charles Hall?
- 11 A I can't see Mr. Hall right now, but yes.
- 12 Q If you would like to stand up.
- 13 A I see him.
- 14 Q And then after you conducted those interviews, you then
- 15 | completed a report which summarized not only the factual
- 16 | findings and factual observations that had been made by your
- 17 | team of the documents but also your interview as well?
- 18 A That's correct. Though I should add that much of the
- 19 | bulk of the report comes from the summary. It's the factual
- 20 basis of the opinions.
- 21 Q And the summary, of course, is part of the document
- 22 that is reviewed by you?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And it's actually created under your supervision?
- 25 A Correct.